

## REMARKS

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3-21, and indication that claim 24 is drawn to allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. By this amendment, claim 23 has been canceled, and the subject matter of claim 23 has been incorporated into allowable claim 24.

This amendment places the application in immediate condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1, 3-21, and 24 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

Respectfully submitted,



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